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Ex parte GEBHARD MICHENFELDER, GUENTHER RIEHL  
and MANFRED BURKART

Appeal No. 2003-1223  
Application 09/673,063

**ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL**

Before STONER, Chief Administrative Patent Judge, HARKCOM, Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge, and WILLIAM F. SMITH, Administrative Patent Judge.

Per curiam.

On June 27, 2003, counsel for the appellants filed, among other documents, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114. Pursuant to the notice entitled "Request for Continued Examination Practice and Changes to Provisional Application Practice," 65 Fed. Reg. 50092, 50095 (Aug. 16, 2000), and the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.114(d), a request for continued examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 filed after appeal has been taken, but prior to a decision on the appeal, "will be treated as a request to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution of the application before the examiner."

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Accordingly, the appeal in this application is dismissed.

The application is being returned to the examiner for further action as may be appropriate.

  
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